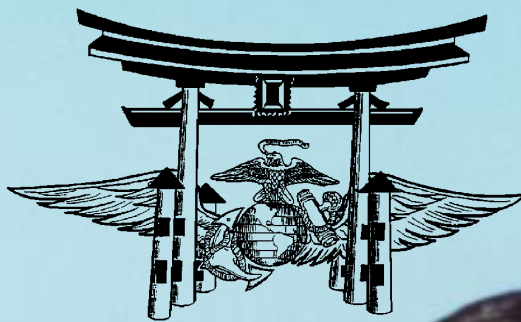


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Asian/Pacific Americans lauded

Seeking America's bright promise of freedom and fairness, millions of men and women of Asian and Pacific descent have immigrated to our nation through the past two centuries to participate in our great experiment in democracy. Although they left behind their native lands and many of their loved ones, they carried in their hearts a rich and ancient history and a proud heritage.

Throughout the decades, the principles and cherished traditions of Asian and Pacific Americans have infused our way of life, and their diligence and determination

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President William J. Clinton

have helped build and sustain our nation. Asian immigrants and indigenous U.S. Pacific Islanders have made contributions to every facet of American life. Yet all too often, Asian immigrants and Pacific Islanders had to endure discrimination as our society struggled with its growing diversity. Overcoming prejudice and other hardships, these determined men and women have strengthened our society, our economy and our national character in the process.

Asian and Pacific Americans today continue to make substantial contributions to our country and our culture, and this year's theme, "Celebrating Our Legacy," calls on us to recognize our common human spirit. Scientists and researchers like David Ho untangle the mysteries of human biology; astronauts like Kalpana Chawla explore the heavens; human rights activists like Dith Pran inspire us with their courage and conviction; athletes like Michele Kwan dazzle us with their grace and endurance; and inspiring leaders like Daniel Inouye and Bill Lann

Lee fight for justice and equality for all our people. These sons and daughters of Vietnam, India, China, Korea, Japan, Cambodia, Fiji, the Philippines, Thailand, and many other nations, as well as the islands of Guam, American Samoa, and Hawaii, have enriched every aspect of our society with their talents, intellect and determination.

While our nation has made enormous strides on the path to full equality and inclusion, our work is far from finished. My administration has strived to empower the

Asian and Pacific American community by working to strengthen our economy, enforce our civil rights laws, invest in health and education, and promote racial reconciliation. Thanks in part to our economic initiatives, the median household income for Asian and Pacific Americans has significantly increased since 1993, while the poverty rate has declined by more than eight percent. We have

launched a new initiative to end racial and ethnic health disparities, and we established the first-ever Office of Minority Health Research and Alternative Medicine at the National Institutes of Health. Working to renew our commitment to excellence in education, my administration also has secured a 35 percent increase in funding for bilingual and immigrant education.

To honor the accomplishments of Asian and Pacific Americans and to recognize their many contributions to our Nation, the Congress, by Public Law 102-450, has designated the month of May as "Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month."

/s/ William J. Clinton

President of the United States of America

All opinion and commentaries are welcome. Send articles to:

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Navy Cmdr. Bob Stoney (right), gets a few pointers on Japanese procedures from Lt. Cmdr. Mitsuhiro Sugwara, JMSDF test pilot, on the flight line May 10. For more on the story see Page 4. (photo by Cpl. Michael Niman)

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News Briefs

Power Outage

The north side will experience a power outage Saturday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. The following MCCS facilities will be closed: Sakura Theater, Launderette, TLF Bldg. 1188, BOQ Bldg. 1190, Photo Hobby Shop, Auto Hobby Shop, Single Marine Center, Auto Mini Mart (including gas pumps) and AT&T Surf Shop. For more information call 253-5284.

Air Conditioning

Air conditioning will be turned on when the outside temperature reaches a high of at least 80 degrees for three consecutive days. Central heating for family housing, barracks and office areas has been turned off for the season. For more information call Facilities at 253-4566.

Arctic Service Ribbon

The Naval Arctic Service Ribbon is awarded to approximately 150 Marines and Sailors who served at least 28 consecutive days for Operation Cope Thunder/Northern Edge, Feb. 16 through April 5, 1999. For more information call VMFA-212's administrative office at 253-6408.

Walking Detour

While the sidewalk in front of the Staff NCO Club and AFN building is under construction, pedestrians are asked to use the opposite sidewalk behind the Main Exchange or the seawall to access Freedom Bridge leading to the Monzen Housing area.

Correction

The May 14 issue of *Torii Teller* incorrectly indicated the Asian/Pacific Heritage Month Luau date as Saturday (May 15). The luau will actually be held this Saturday (May 22).

Barracks lose free phones

by **LCpl. Ryan Bradburn**
Torii Teller Staff

The telephone office is scheduled to shut down free phone services in the barracks June 1 at 12:01 a.m.

"The phones in the barracks are going away," said Mike Gingles, supervisory communications planning specialist. "Free phone service was a good idea but was basically not in line with Marine Corps policy."

Providing a free dial tone for phones in the barracks is against regulations established in the Navy Comptrollers Manual, according to Gingles. Telephone office personnel have been sorting through paperwork, trying to comply with the guidelines.

According to Gingles, the air station is the only military installation providing free phone service, costing the station \$30,000 to \$40,000 each year.

More pay phones are on order to be installed in barracks lounges to

off-set the loss of free service, and Marines who wish to continue phone service in their rooms will be able to do so for a monthly fee.

Residents who sign up to continue services before the cut-off date won't be charged for installation. "If they're on temporary additional duty, they have until June 15 if they bring a copy of their orders."

Regular phone charges will change June 1, as well. The cost for full service, allowing calls to be made around the world, will be \$22.95 a month with a \$22.95 installation fee. To limit a phone to on-base calls only, the cost will be \$17.25 with a \$17.25 installation fee.

Features such as call waiting, call forwarding, last number redial and three-way calling will be \$1.50 for the first feature, \$1 more for the next two add-ons and an extra 50 cents for the fourth.

Courtesy phones located in public areas will be unaffected by the change, said Gingles.

DRMO settles into new building

by **LCpl. Ryan Bradburn**
Torii Teller Staff

The air station's Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office is finishing it's move into a new building since the ribbon-cutting ceremony May 12.

The project, which started last May and was completed April 30, is the first phase of a plan to overhaul DRMO here.

"This project was designed to provide sufficient storage space and improve upon existing conditions," said Doshin Park, Facilities project manager.

"We're really trying to upgrade everything," said Cecilia Leon-Guerrero, DRMO chief. "After we

move, the old area will be demolished and reconstructed to provide more storage space."

The new building will allow DRMO to spread out and further

"The system requires less research time and eliminates a lot of processing."

Cecilia Leon-Guerrero, DRMO chief

increase its inventory, according to Leon-Guerrero. At its former location, there were only 150 storage bins compared to the 580 which exist now.

Another addition is improved facilities for items needing to be locked up.

"We've got a new security cage,"

JMSDF officer brings U.S. test pilots to Japan

by Cpl. Michael Niman
Torii Teller Staff

Test pilots from Naval Air Facility Atsugi, Japan's Air Development Squadron-51 and the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School Patuxent River, Md., flew together here May 10-12.

Pairing of the two groups was the brainchild of Japan

Maritime Self-Defense Force Cmdr. Hiroyuki Hori, of the Maritime Staff Office in Tokyo.

Hori spent three weeks touring the United States observing U.S. Navy training and education of both air crewmen and pilots, and the opportunity to start an exchange program with USNTPS excited him, stated Hori.

Lieutenant Joel Walker is the first USNTPS student to participate in the exchange program. Walker spent close to 12 hours in three days in a JMSDF US-1A Search and Rescue aircraft, including about six hours of pilot time.

For his USNTPS graduation final project requirement, Walker must write a thesis evaluating all aspects of the US-1A.

"It's a unique aircraft," said Walker, a Navy P-3C Orion pilot by trade. "The US-1A is not unlike a P-3 in many ways, but its ability to do landings and takeoffs on land and water is a much different aspect than what I'm accustomed to."

All USNTPS students evaluate an aircraft for their final project — many in other countries. But this is the first time a student was able to take the controls of a US-1A.

The event was the first of what both groups hope will be a beneficial exchange program.

"We, the JMSDF, hope to promote a good relationship through this training," said Hori. "It's good for both our navies' interoperability."

"This has been a great experience for us," said Cmdr. Bob Stoney, USNTPS executive officer. "We will be hosting JMSDF test pilots in Patuxent River in the future to give them the same type of experience."

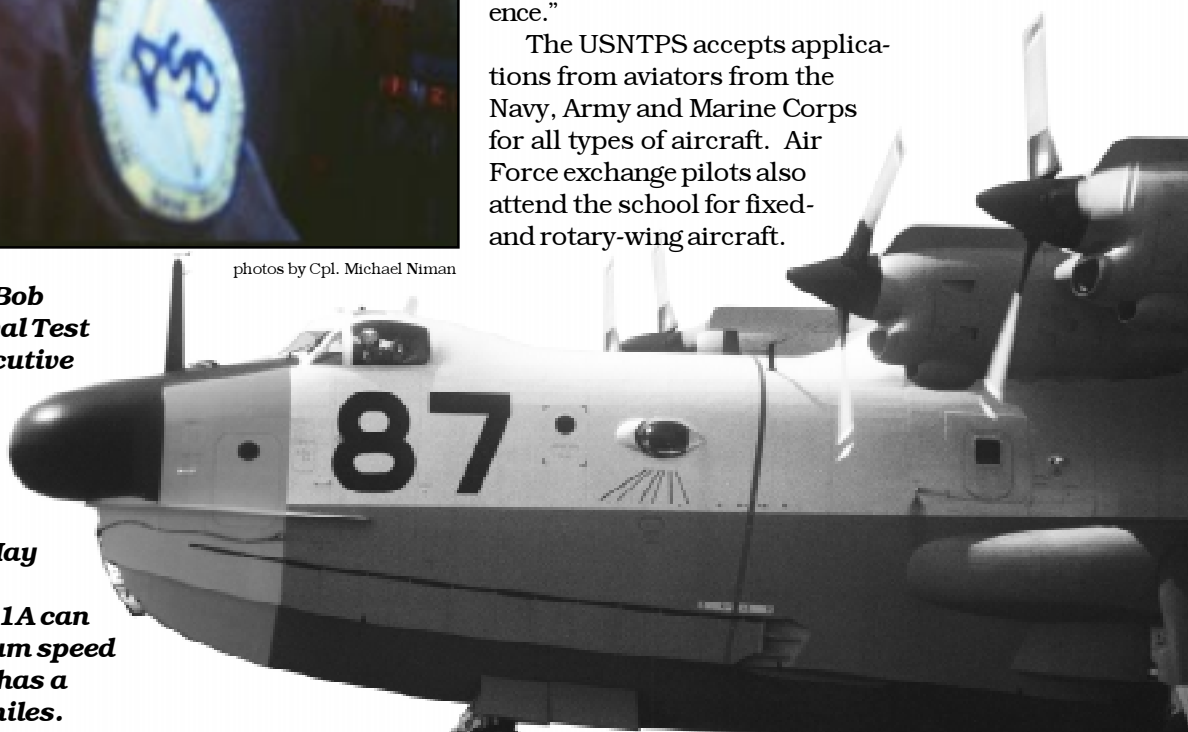
The USNTPS accepts applications from aviators from the Navy, Army and Marine Corps for all types of aircraft. Air Force exchange pilots also attend the school for fixed- and rotary-wing aircraft.



photos by Cpl. Michael Niman

ABOVE: Cmdr. Bob Stoney, U.S. Naval Test Pilot School executive officer, checks out the controls of the US-1A Search and Rescue aircraft before take-off May 10.

RIGHT: The US-1A can attain a maximum speed of 325 mph and has a range of 2,372 miles.



Marines and Sailors work in support of orphanage

by JOC Cleve Hardman
USS Boxer PAO

BALI, Indonesia — There are many ways to enjoy a day off on a tropical island paradise. Many relax on the sunny beaches. Others try to surf the perfect wave. Some venture down the white water rapids. But for 146 Marines and Sailors of the Boxer Amphibious Ready Group, the day was well spent lending a helping hand to the Salam Orphanage.

Volunteers took a one-hour bus ride to the home for 5-12 year-old Indonesian orphans and then spent another five hours sweating under the tropical sun painting, laying floor tiles, and carrying bricks and rocks down the hill to make preparations for a property retaining wall.

"This many people taking a day of liberty to do this project is really nice," said Petty Officer 1st Class Ramona Grim. "That says a lot about our priorities, especially in Bali."

Much of the work took place in five bedrooms where the walls were repainted with a fresh coat of paint. New ceramic tile was installed on the floor of one of the bedrooms, while additional tiles were brought in to tile the other bedrooms at a later date.

Others took on the labor-intensive task of staging materials for the building of a retaining wall. Human chains were set up to carry bricks, piles of sand and truckloads of rocks down the hillside.

"The big thing is the interaction with the children," said Navy Chief Counselor Vince O'Bannon. "They see the work, but they will remember the lasting impression of the

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'Buckle up, America!'

submitted by
Station Safety Center

Editor's Note: *The air station will be participating in "Buckle Up, America!" Week, which runs Monday through May 31. The Station Safety Center would like to remind all air station personnel to wear seat belts – it's not only the law, it's the right thing to do.*



Monday through May 31 is "Buckle Up, America!" Week. In conjunction with the national campaign, special emphasis will be placed on the importance of seat belts and child safety seats here.

Seat belts and child safety seats are required to be used on and off the air station. Even with this requirement, a recent survey concluded that seat belt use on the air station is less than the national average.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in the United States, someone is injured in a traffic accident every 14 seconds, and someone is killed every 14 minutes.

Personal pain, a child's grief from losing a parent or serious injury to a servicemember cannot be easily measured. But costs can be measured, and motor vehicle crashes cost America more than \$150 billion a year, according to the NHTSA – that's an average of \$580.00 per person.

When lap/shoulder belts are properly used, the risk of death to front-seat passengers is reduced by

40 percent. When used correctly, child safety seats are 71 percent effective in reducing death to children under the age of 5, and are 69 percent effective in reducing the need for hospitalization.

The last motor vehicle fatality of a servicemember stationed here occurred Oct. 27, 1996. The Marine corporal was less than two months from his rotation date. He was only 20 years old, and he was not wearing his seat belt when he fell asleep and hit another car head-on while driving on Route 2, approximately 20 kilometers from the air station.

Seat belts save lives, money and unnecessary suffering. The national goal is to increase seat belt use from 69 percent to 85 percent by the year 2000. Reaching this goal would prevent an estimated 4,200 deaths, 103,000 injuries and save America \$6.7 billion each year.

During the week of May 24, the MCAS Safety Center and representatives from the MAG as well as other units will be conducting random surveys of seat belt usage.

The Safety Center urges all air station residents to get into the seat belt habit. The presence of passenger safety laws by themselves is not enough to get children or adults buckled up. That is what "Buckle Up, America!" is all about.

'Amnesty Day' proves sweeping success

submitted by
Station Environmental

The Station Environmental Office and Hazardous Minimization Center sponsored a hazardous waste/material turn-in program called "Amnesty Day" April 30 to complement other Earth Day activities.

It is estimated that more than 4,000 pounds of material and wastes were turned in.

Material was screened upon acceptance to determine its reuse potential. If it had none, it was processed as waste. Once a waste determination was made, the item was segregated by type for proper packaging and final disposal.

Many units and station residents took advantage of the day to clean out their workspaces and homes of materials that had been stored for years.

With the overall success and participation, it is likely that this event will happen again in the near future.

The HAZMIN Center exists on the station to allow units to use a small amount of material and return it for others to use, helping to prevent units from stockpiling material until it is unusable.

Although this "exchange" service is not available for household hazardous materials at present, we are hopeful that a similar program of reuse will be incorporated in the near future. This would mean any station resident could drop off excess household hazardous materials (cleaners, hobby paints, etc.), and another resident could come by and pick it up at no personal cost.

For more information about this program call Station Environmental at 253-3388.

Marines' best friend

by LCpl. Jessica Simonson
Torii Teller Staff



ABOVE: Prince sits patiently, ready to leap at his trainer's command. **RIGHT:** Sgt. Christopher Hann (left), kennel master, plays the part of criminal as LCpl. Zebulan Polasek, handler, sends his dog, Prince, in for the "arrest." The exercise will test Prince's grip and detaining skills as he clings to Hann's arm.

All members of the K-9 unit received their military occupational specialty training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas prior to coming to the air station.

Four dogs, four Marines and explosives. It isn't the title for the latest movie, it's a unit dedicated to making the air station a safer place.

Provost Marshal's Office's Military Working Dog Unit is constantly training to improve services they provide, including perimeter security and searching aircraft for explosives and narcotics.

"Any 'bird' that comes from out-of-country must be cleared," said Sgt. Christopher Hann, kennel master. "We are on-call 24 hours-a-day."

Keeping the dogs ready for action requires a daily training regimen. "We start out with detection training first thing in the morning," said Hann. "The dogs have to maintain accuracy levels. The narcotics dogs, Rocky and Bagiera, have to be 90 percent accurate; 95 percent for Alan and Prince, the explosives dogs. All dogs are cross-trained for patrol."

In addition to their daytime training, the handlers work with the dogs in the evening.

"We vary the training so the dogs are able to work in any situation," said Hann.

The trainers, after receiving three months of handling instruction at Lackland Air Force Base Texas, find the dogs often wind up training them instead.

"You can never learn everything," said LCpl. Teddy Ortiz, handler. The handlers agreed that each dog is different, and training needs to be adjusted according to the animal's abilities and personality.

Because the handlers spend so much time with the dogs, a close relationship is often formed.

"Once assigned a dog, it becomes your baby," Hann said. "You become totally responsible for its well-being and training."

Marines working with the dogs say they believe it's a job like no other. "After you work with K-9, you won't want to do anything else," said Cpl. Douglas Garland, handler.



photo by LCpl. Jessica Simonson

CSSD-36 Marines seeing double

by LCpl. Jessica Simonson
Torii Teller Staff

New arrivals on the air station are causing Marines and residents to do a double take.

Privates First Class Joshua and Joseph Blair, identical twins, checked in at CSSD-36 in April, much to the surprise of the entire unit.

"I think they are amazed to see the two of us," said Joshua. "Everyone has been really nice to us."

Prior to joining the Marine Corps, Joshua and Joseph said they were influenced by their father, a former Air Force jet engine mechanic.

"Our dad tried to get us not to join the Marine Corps," said Joshua. "He said if you want to be warm in the winter, join the Air Force because they have a better quality of life. But we wanted to be better than that."

Despite Dad's pleas to join the Air Force, the twins said they get 100 percent support from their family.

Joshua, who is quick to tell anyone he is the oldest by 30 minutes, was also first to enlist. He joined the delayed entry program during his junior year of high school.

"I didn't want to go to college, but I wanted to further my education," said Joshua. "I like to be outdoors. This is the perfect job for me."

A year later, Joseph decided to follow suit and enlisted. Reluctant to leave his girlfriend, whom he married in March, he shipped off to boot camp three weeks after Joshua.

"I didn't want to look back and wish I would've joined," said Joseph. "At first I wanted to stay home and make a life there, but I had to try this first. Joshua's decision made me think about my life."

Aside from their time apart in recruit training, the two have been together ever since.

"I was home for my ten days of leave after boot camp. Then I had recruiters' assistance for 30 days," said Joshua. "My last week overlapped with his 'boot leave' — it was perfect timing."

From their home in West Virginia, the two went to Marine Combat Training where together they trained in the same company, but different platoons. The Blairs then traveled to Military Occupational Specialty School at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., to become motor transport operators and roommates.

But this was the plan. Joshua and Joseph were guaranteed the same MOS. They enlisted under the "unit cohesion" program. In this program the twins and two of their friends, also stationed here, can stay together throughout their initial enlistment.

But these brothers have more in common than the



photo by LCpl. Jessica Simonson

Recent arrivals to the air station, PFC Joshua Blair, CSSD-36 Motor Transportation operator, checks a vehicle during a weekly preventive maintenance inspection as twin brother PFC Joseph Blair, also a Motor-T operator, records the information.

same uniform and name.

"It's weird," said Joseph. "We won't be together the whole day, but when we do see each other, we'll be wearing the same thing — even on our day off."

Although they live, work and play together, the twins know the difference between on-duty and off. These sibling roommates were given an extra incentive to behave professionally, in and out of the shop.

"The gunny has already told us, one argument and he is going to separate us," said Joseph. "That isn't going to happen, though."

"I don't want to get a call from PMO and hear the brothers are fighting in the barracks," said GySgt. Brian Foster, CSSD-36 maintenance chief.

Instead of creating a sibling rivalry, the twins intend to enjoy their time in Japan.

"We like it here," said Joshua. "We've been to Miyajima and out in town. It is a big change from the hills of West Virginia. If we hadn't joined, we would've never gotten the chance to be here."

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interaction with the kids. The same is true for the Sailors and Marines."

For many involved in the project, this was the first time to participate in such an event.

"It is a wonderful thing we are doing for the children," said Petty Officer 3rd Class Tracy Culbert, a first-time volunteer.

"I would tell others of the atmosphere here, what we have done and how happy this has made the kids," she said.

For all those involved, there is great pride in helping those who need a helping hand.

"Marines will do anything to help the kids," said SgtMaj. Bruce Mackamul, sergeant major of the 13th MEU (Special Operations

Capable). "I can't think of a better way to be ambassadors than to come out and help those less fortunate. The people are so appreciative; it is just amazing."

The BARG comprises Amphibious Squadron-7 and includes USS Boxer, USS Harper's Ferry and USS Cleveland, all homeported in San Diego, and the 13th MEU of Camp Pendleton, Calif.

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said Leon-Guerrero. "It's much, much more secure than the old one."

The new building will also help DRMO work better and faster.

"We helped provide a more functional facility with everything in one place," said Park.

A bar-coding system is also being initiated to improve efficiency. Soon, customers will be able to carry a scanner as they shop and merely download their selections into a computer, according to Leon-Guerrero. A computer work station is also set up for patrons to access the Defense Reutilization and Marketing System website.

"The system requires less research time and eliminates a lot of processing," she said. "We'll be more efficient here."

The new building is a timely addition for DRMO, and personnel in the section are optimistic that the rest of the work will be done on time, too.

"Everything's still right on schedule," said Leon-Guerrero.

The demolition and reconstruction of the old DRMO facility should be completed by November, Kurita said.



photo by LCpl. Ryan Bradburn

Colonel Richard Dunn(right), air station commanding officer, Tamotsu Ushio, Defense Facilities Administration Bureau resident engineer, and Army Col. Gregory Gustafson, DRMS international commander, cut the ribbon May 12, marking the opening of the new DRMO.

Spouse Appreciation

Lt.Col. Alex Wilkins, VMFA-212 commanding officer, spends time with Lancers' spouses during Military Spouse Appreciation Day May 14. Spouses were invited to stop by during lunch to have some cake in their honor.

The event was a first for VMFA-212, but was from the heart, according to SgtMaj. John Prado, VMFA-212 sergeant major. "When we're gone, they carry the bulk of the load. For us, this is very important," he said.



photo by LCpl. Ryan Bradburn

Happy 91st Birthday

Lt. Kathy Matthes (center), primary care clinic division officer, makes an incision in the Nurse Corps' birthday cake as Branch Medical Clinic's youngest nurse, Lt. j.g. Gino Narti (left), primary care clinic assistant division officer, looks on.

May 13 marked the 91st birthday for the Nurse Corps, whose theme for this year's event was "Healing from the Heart."

The seven Navy nurses at the clinic had help celebrating the occasion with a cake from the Southside mess hall.



photo by LCpl. Ryan Bradburn

Sports/Leisure

MCCS has employees running

by Cpl. Michael Niman
Torii Teller Staff

The second annual Marine Corps Community Services 5-Kilometer Run/Walk was held on the seawall May 13.

The event kicked off the second year of MCCS' employee fitness program entitled Passport to Fitness, according to Leah Dillingham, MCCS health promotions program administrator.

"This program is about keeping our employees healthy and showing them we care about them," said J.O. Brandt, MCCS director.

"The run is not about competition. It's about fun," said Scott Edwards, men's overall third place finisher. "It gives me a chance to do my usual run with all the people I work with. It's more of a social event for me."

The run had one of the most successful turnouts for a Health Promotions' running event in recent history, according to Dillingham.

More than 90 people turned out to

run the race, which awarded medals and MCCS sport bags to the first three finishers in men's and women's over-35 divisions, and men's and women's over-all divisions.

This year's participant-level success was due in part to the unification of many air station services under MCCS.

"Last year, the program was open only to Moral, Welfare and Recreation employees. This year's turn-out shows that many more people are benefiting under MCCS," Dillingham said.

"I had to work during last year's run, but I wanted to go," said Dennis Lindemann. "It sounded like a lot of fun. I don't care where I place – anywhere – it doesn't matter."

Besides MCCS' employees, Health Promotions invited Branch Medical Clinic personnel to join this year's race as well.

"Next year, we want the race to be open to all civilian employees on the air station," said Brandt. "I'll even be out there."

Medal Winners

Men's overall

first	Victor Grant
	18:53
second	Toshi Miyamo
	19:32
third	Scott Edwards
	19:56

Women's over-all

first	Laticia Coon
	27:21
second	Minna-lea Millsape
	28:07
third	Jennifer Jones
	29:49

Men's over 35

first	Troy Landmesser
	20:05
second	Keizo Yokomichi
	20:41
third	David Disselhorst
	22:46

Women's over 35

first	Karen Curry
	27:17
second	Kelly Sciano
	29:15
third	Tanya Stevenson-Gains
	29:36

Rainmakers storm to Men's Over-30 title

Flyboys land short, take second place

by Cpl. Michael Niman
Torii Teller Staff

The Rainmakers overthrew the only team to beat them this season to capture their third straight Men's Over-30 Basketball Championship May 11 in their fourth match-up with the Flyboys this year.

After a loss to the Flyboys early in the finals, the Rainmakers came into the championship on edge, but they still managed to hand the Flyboys their first and second losses of the playoffs 51-50 and 56-53.

"We lost our two great guards since the first time we beat the Flyboys, said forward Anthony Hawkins. "When we matched up in the playoffs, we weren't sure how to play them. But after the loss we realized to switch from man-to-man to a zone defense."

The strategy worked.

"Adjusting to the Rainmakers low-post defensive style, some of our guys' legs started to cramp up," said Chauncey Lovely, who failed to score and missed seven minutes due to a leg cramp in the second game.

Christopher Walker, who scored eight in the first game, picked up Lovely's slack by adding 19 points in the final.

But Walker and the rest of the Flyboys couldn't match up to the Rainmakers' top two scorers.

The "Jordan and Pippen team" of Hawkins and Donnie Roland, who scored 37 and 30 total points

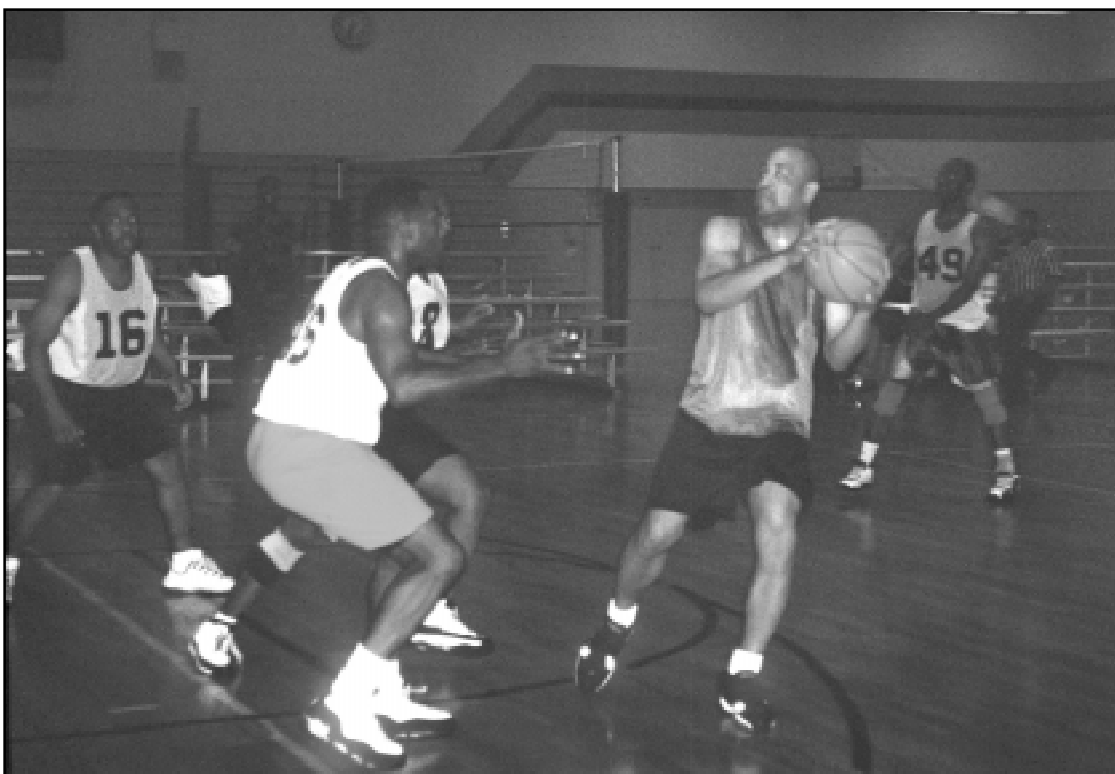


photo by Cpl. Michael Niman

Rainmakers' three-point shooter, Antonio Robinson, fakes a pass while attempting to evade Flyboys' defenders during the Men's Over-30 Basketball Championship tournament May 4-11. Rainmakers won both games in back-to-back play.

respectively, contributed the most offense in the championship game.

"We had to play," said Hawkins. "Our defense was great, so we just hit them with our usual offense."

Defensively, Timothy Roberts, Antonio Robinson and Tim Parison uplifted the Rainmakers, putting a hamper on Flyboys' scoring with multiple steals and tight coverage.

"The Flyboys tried to build a team this season that could dethrone the Rainmakers, but that just didn't happen," said Jeff Epstein, intramural sports coordinator.

"My hat's off to them," said Lovely. "They played exactly how we expected, and they won - It's their house."

"Our season was outstanding," said Hawkins. "We finished in first place and took the championship. You can't get much better."

Other players scoring in double digits for the night were Rainmakers' Robinson, who contributed 21 points

Men's Over-30 Season Standings

Rainmakers	13-1
Flyboys	13-1
171 Veterans	9-5
Ol' Doggs	8-6
Navy	7-7
Golden Oldies	4-10
Blue Jackets	2-12
S-6	1-13

total, including five "threes." Flyboys' Dequincy Johnson totaled 33 and Gilbert Avery scored 11 points in game one.

"Even though we lost, I love playing in this league," said Lovely. "You see a lot more maturity with over-30 players. We're competitive, don't get me wrong, but it's all about fun."

MAG downs FTR for softball title

by Cpl. Michael Niman
Torii Teller Staff

Marine Aircraft Group-12 claimed the men's intramural softball championship title by beating For The Road 15-11 at the Main Field Friday.

The conclusion of the eight-week season was the MAG's first win in four tries against FTR. MAG-12's coach, Tony Aldhizer, attributes the win to his team of well-rounded athletes.

"Every player in our lineup can hit," he said. "They are all solid ball players."

The MAG-12 players demonstrated their hitting abilities in the 4th inning, when they pounded in 7 runs.

Up 5-2, Blayne Watts, second baseman, and Mike Fegley, third baseman, both drove in runs on singles. Left-center fielder D.J. Butler and left fielder Kenny Altizer drove in two runs each on a single and triple, respectively, and Mike Bert drove in an RBI on a sacrifice fly.

For The Road answered back with only two runs on four hits. But in the next inning FTR's pitcher, Robert Mosley, only faced three batters with the help of his infielders' tight defensive play.

Down 12-4 with one out in the 5th, FTR started coming back off a two-run homer by first baseman Jeff Epstein.

Mosley, up next, hit a double and was pushed in on a single up the middle by Greg Holcomb, left-center fielder. Catcher David Saucedo would also drive one in, but FTR was still down by four at the end of the inning.

In the top of the 6th, a pair of MAG's Mikes, Fegley and Granger, both smacked singles for runs to add some distance between the scores.

The other MAG Mike, pitcher

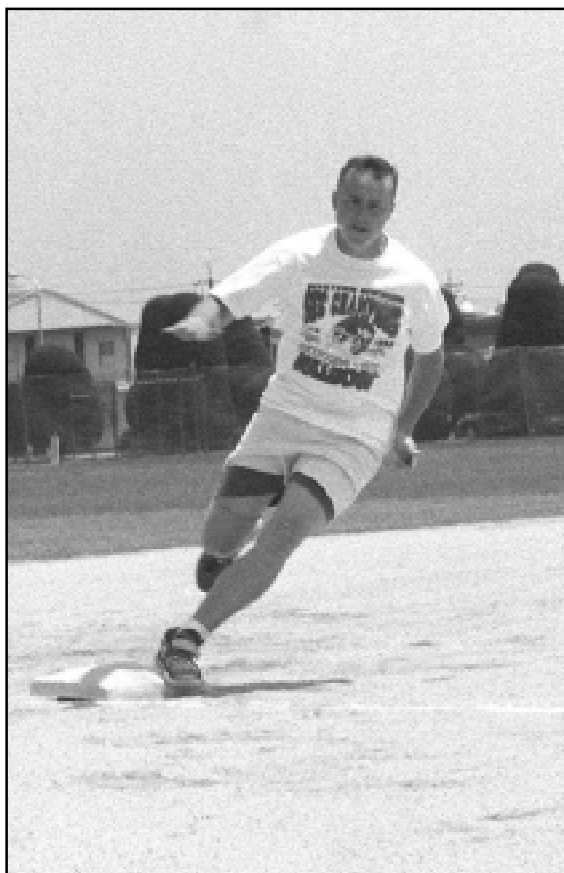


photo by Cpl. Michael Niman

Kenny Altizer, MAG-12's left fielder, rounds third base on his way to home plate during the intramural men's softball championship Friday.

Mike Bert, did his part, too, keeping For The Road "hitching" with no runs.

But MAG's batters left FTR a chance to win in the 7th.

"The whole league is made of solid teams," said Aldhizer. "Every team has the power and the ability to score runs quickly."

The pressure was on Bert. He walked the first batter and gave up singles to the next three. But a force out and two fly balls only cost him one more run.

After the game, the two teams congratulated each other on their season and shook hands, keeping with the baseball and softball tradition.

The teams received their first and second place trophies as well as individual player trophies.

Sports Briefs

Sports Days

M.C. Perry Elementary School will have their annual Sports Days June 1-3. They are in need of volunteers to assist with the events. Those who can help should call Mrs. Politi at 253-4118.

Aerobathon

An aerobathon will be held Sunday, noon-3:30 p.m. in the Main Gym. Door prizes will be awarded. This three-hour event is open to SOFA and JMSDF personnel. There is a fee. For details call 253-6359.

Learn to Swim

Registration will begin June 1 for the MCCS Aquatics Summer Swim Program. Classes offered include Learn-to-Swim infants through Level VII, Junior Lifeguard-Water Safety Aide, and private swim lessons. Sign up at the Main Gym's front desk Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information call Aquatics at 253-5520.

Baseball Coach

Youth Sports is looking for a coach for the Senior Division baseball team. Interested persons 18 and older may call 253-5729 for details.

Youth Soccer Camp

Registration for Seahorse Soccer Camp is open for youth ages 6-18. Sessions will be June 21-24, and all participants receive a T-shirt. There is a fee. For details call 253-5729.

Youth Golf Camp

Two sessions of Youth Golf Camp will be held this summer starting June 21. Held at Torii Pines Golf Course on Monday and Wednesday mornings, the camp is open to youth ages 8-18. There is a fee. For details call 253-5729.

Friday

9:00 Sesame Street
10:00 Barney and Friends
10:30 Kiana's Flex Appeal
11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show
12:00 Nightly News
12:30 Wheel of Fortune
1:00 Port Charles
1:25 Guiding Light
2:15 General Hospital
3:05 Sylvester and Tweety Mysteries
3:30 Kratt's Creatures
4:00 Xena: Warrior Princess
5:00 Jeopardy!
5:30 Headline News
6:00 Pacific Report
6:33 CNN/SI
7:00 Simpsons
7:30 Sister, Sister (TV-PG)
8:00 Star Trek: Voyager
9:00 X-Files (TV-14)
10:00 Pacific Report
10:35 Tonight Show w/Leno
11:35 Late Show w/Letterman

Saturday

0:35 ESPNNews
1:05 Movies 'til Dawn
Rocketeer (TV-PG)
3:00 Movies 'til Dawn
Planes, Trains and Automobiles (TV-PG)
5:00 Today Show
7:00 Sesame Street Specials
7:30 Muppet Babies
8:00 Disney's Pepper Ann
8:30 Disney's Recess
9:00 Aaahh! Real Monsters
9:30 Are You Afraid of the Dark?
10:00 Nova
11:00 America's Family Kitchen
11:30 California's Gold
12:00 Nightly News
12:30 Navy/Marine Corps News
1:00 TBS NLB
Cubs at Braves
4:00 Hercules: Legendary Journeys
5:00 Soul Train
6:00 Headline News
6:30 ESPNNews
7:00 Beverly Hills 90210
8:00 Melrose Place (TV-14)
9:00 20/20 Friday
10:00 Headline News
10:30 ESPNNews
11:00 Saturday Night Live

Sunday

12:30 AFN Special
World's Scariest Police Chases I
1:30 NBCNY NBA Playoffs
7:00 The Field Afar
7:30 Day of Discovery
8:00 Magic School Bus

8:30 Adventures Book of Virtues
9:00 Promised Land
10:00 Wonderful World of Disney
12:00 Headline News
12:30 Air Force TV News
1:00 ESPN NHL Playoffs
4:00 Hercules: Legendary Journeys
5:00 Computer Chronicles
5:30 Wall Street Journal Report
6:00 Headline News
6:30 ESPNNews
7:00 Kids Say the Darndest Things (TV-G)
7:30 Maggie Winters
8:00 Prime Time Movie
Gia
10:00 Headline News
10:30 Baywatch
11:30 Austin City Limits

Monday

12:30 America's Black Forum
1:00 NBCNY NBA Playoffs
9:00 Sesame Street
10:00 Big Bag
10:30 Kiana's Flex Appeal
11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show
12:00 Headline News
12:30 Wheel of Fortune
1:30 Port Charles
1:25 Guiding Light
2:15 General Hospital
3:05 Bonkers
3:30 Superman
4:00 California Dreams
4:30 All That
5:00 Jeopardy!
5:30 Headline News
6:00 Pacific Report
6:33 CNN/SI
7:00 60 Minutes
8:00 Sports Night
8:30 Everybody Loves Raymond (TV-PG)
9:00 The Practice
10:00 Pacific Report
10:35 Tonight Show w/Leno
11:35 Late Show w/Letterman

Tuesday

0:35 ESPNNews
1:05 Movies 'til Dawn
Soldier's Story (TV-PG)
2:50 Movies 'til Dawn
Bridge at Remagen (TV-PG)
5:00 Headline News
5:30 ESPNNews
6:00 Today Show
8:00 Headline News
8:30 Showbiz Today
9:00 Sesame Street
10:00 Blues Clues
10:30 CoEd Training
11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show
12:00 Nightly News
12:30 Wheel of Fortune

1:00 Port Charles
1:30 Guiding Light
2:15 General Hospital
3:05 Mighty Ducks
3:30 Newton's Apple
4:00 Hercules: Legendary Journeys
4:30 Scholastic Sports America
5:00 Jeopardy!
5:30 Headline News
6:00 Pacific Report
6:33 CNN/SI
7:00 Whose Line is it Anyway (TV-PG)
7:30 Prime Time Movie
Forrest Gump (TV-PG)
10:00 Pacific Report
10:35 Tonight Show w/Leno
11:35 Late Show w/Letterman

Wednesday

12:35 ESPNNews
1:05 Movies 'til Dawn
The Bridge on the River Kwai (TV-PG)
4:00 Movies 'til Dawn
River Patrol: The Gamekeepers of Vietnam
5:00 Headline News
5:30 ESPNNews
6:00 Today Show
8:00 Headline News
8:30 Showbiz Today
9:00 Sesame Street
10:00 Barney and Friends
10:30 Bodyshaping
11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show
12:00 Nightly News
12:30 Wheel of Fortune
1:00 Port Charles
1:25 Guiding Light
2:15 General Hospital
3:05 Goof Troop
3:30 Gargoyles
4:00 Hercules: Legendary Journeys
4:30 Legends of Hidden Temple
5:00 Jeopardy!
5:30 Headline News
6:00 Pacific Report
6:33 CNN/SI
7:00 Moesha (TV-PG)
7:30 Home Improvement (TV-PG)
8:00 Dawson's Creek (TV-14)
9:00 Buffy the Vampire Slayer (TV-PG)
10:00 Pacific Report
10:35 Tonight Show w/Leno
11:35 Late Show w/Letterman

Thursday

0:35 ESPNNews
1:05 Movies 'til Dawn
Operation Pacific (TV-PG)
3:00 Movies 'til Dawn
Sands of Iwo Jima (TV-PG)
5:00 Headline News
5:30 ESPNNews

6:00 Today Show
8:00 Headline News
8:30 Showbiz Today
9:00 Sesame Street
10:00 Blues Clues
10:30 Co-Ed Training
11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show
12:00 Nightly News
12:30 Wheel of Fortune
1:00 Port Charles
1:25 Guiding Light
2:15 General Hospital
3:05 Animaniacs
3:30 Waynehead
4:00 Hercules: Legendary Journeys
5:00 Jeopardy!
5:30 Headline News
6:00 Pacific Report
6:33 CNN/SI
7:00 Friends
7:30 Working (TV-PG)
8:00 Frasier
8:35 Mad About You (TV-PG)
9:00 ER (TV-14)
10:00 Pacific Report
10:35 Tonight Show w/Leno
11:35 Late Show w/Letterman

Friday

12:35 ESPNNews
1:05 Movies 'til Dawn
Merrill's Marauders (TV-PG)
2:50 Movies 'til Dawn
Air Force
5:00 Headline News
5:30 ESPNNews
6:00 Today Show
8:00 Headline News
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Movies

Sakura Theater

Wing Commander (PG-13)

May 21, 7 p.m.; May 23, 3 p.m.; May 25, 7 p.m.

"Wing Commander" combines state-of-the-art special effects and settings with the story and creative elements of a grand adventure film. Based on the bestselling, legendary computer game series of the same name, the film follows the exploits of rebellious rookie space pilot Christopher Blair (Freddy Prinze Jr.). Blair, his fellow maverick pilot, Maniac (Matthew Lillard) and their beautiful superior officer, Deveraux (Saffron Burrows), mobilize to evade and ultimately repel the alien attack.

The Matrix (R)

May 21, 9:30 p.m.; May 22, 7 p.m.; May 24, 7 p.m.

The film, shot entirely on location in Australia, takes place in a universe run by computers using human beings as batteries for bioelectrical energy. This "people power" fuels the artificial intelligence known as the Matrix, which has created a virtual

reality to make its inhabitants think they are living happy, creative, productive lives. But in reality, they are only providing the energy that keeps the Matrix going. There are, however, a few human beings — including Morpheus (Laurence Fishburne) and Trinity (Carrie-Anne Moss) — who have broken free from the Matrix and are searching to destroy it, recruiting Neo (Keanu Reeves) along the way.

The Corruptor (R)

May 22, 10:30 p.m.; May 23, 7 p.m.; May 26, 7 p.m.

An action-packed drama about an idealistic NYPD rookie who learns firsthand how power and influence have compromised his superiors, including one of the department's most decorated officers.

This schedule is submitted by the Sakura Theater and is subject to change. Any questions or comments can be directed to **MCSS** at 253-4003.

Iwakuni's Theaters

Kokusai:

May 21 - June 11

"Ever After" - 12:20 p.m., 4:45 p.m.,

(Sat. only) 9:10 p.m.

"8 mm" - 10 a.m., 2:25 p.m., 4:50 p.m.,

(Sat. only) 11:15 p.m.

New Central I:

May 21 - end of May

"Payback" - 10:40 a.m., 12:40 p.m.,

2:40 p.m., 4:40 p.m., 6:40 p.m.,

(Sat. only) 8:40 p.m.

New Central II:

May 21 - end of May

"Enemy of the State" - 11:05 a.m.,

3:40 p.m., (Sat. only) 8:15 p.m.

"Patch Adams" - 1:25 p.m., 6 p.m.,

(Sat. only) 10:35 p.m.

May 22, no showing of

"Enemy of the State" at 11:05 a.m.

New Central III:

May 21 - end of May

"Shakespeare in Love" - 11:10 a.m.,

1:30 p.m., 3:50 p.m., 6:10 p.m.,

(Sat. only) 8:30 p.m.

May 22, no showing of

"Shakespeare in Love" at 11:10 a.m.



Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous open meetings are held Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 p.m. and Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m. Closed meetings are held each Sunday, 7 p.m. A "for women only" open meeting is held the last Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. All meetings are held in Bldg. 497, second floor. For more information call 43-4814.

Medical Clinic Health Promotions Tobacco Cessation Courses

Tobacco Cessation classes for the month of June are June 9, 11, 16 and 18. Courses are held in the clinic conference room, 10-11 a.m. Participants must attend all four sessions. For more information call Lt. Cmdr. Stevenson-Gaines at 253-3266.

Controlling Cholesterol Course

A "Controlling Cholesterol Course" will be offered May 28 and June 25 in the clinic conference room. This one-time course is designed for individuals who have high blood cholesterol or those with an interest in the topic. For more information call 253-3266.

E.D.I.S.

Educational and Developmental Intervention Services is a division of the Branch Medical Clinic that provides a variety of free services to children ages birth to 36 months. Professionals are available to screen and evaluate children's social, motor, communication, cognitive and self-help development, and to provide any necessary treatment.

Anyone with questions about their child's development or who would like more information call Stephanie Monroe or Sylvia Hollenback at 253-4562.

Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society will now be open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. For emergency financial assistance after business hours, page them at 253-9000, pager 222 or call the American Red Cross at 253-4525.

Sixth Grade Awards Ceremony

An awards ceremony for sixth grade students will be held June 10, 1 p.m. in the M.C. Perry Elementary School gym. A reception will be held at the Officers' Club following the ceremony. Sixth grade parents are invited to attend. For more information call 253-3447.

Round-up and Registration

The Cub Scouts of Pack 77 will have a Round-up and Registration Thursday and May 28, 6-8 p.m. in the M.C. Perry cafeteria. Registration is for all boys who are in grades 1-5. For more information call Cubmaster GySgt. Karr at 253-6012 during working hours or 253-2035 after working hours.

Asian/Pacific Heritage Month Luau

In honor of Asian/Pacific Heritage Month, MCCA Special Events presents an Around the Pacific Luau Saturday at the MAC Dome. Doors open at 4 p.m. Polynesian dancers, contests, kagura, taiko drumming, tinkling and demonstrations will be featured throughout the evening. The first 100 patrons will receive a summer fun pack door prize. A luau buffet meal will be available for \$11 per plate, and items will be available a la carte.

Family



MCCA Personal Services Division Playgroup

Playgroup scheduled Tuesday is cancelled. The next Playgroup will meet June 1 in Bldg. 589, community room. For more information call 253-3737.

Stress Management Seminar

A Stress Management Seminar will be held Tuesday in Bldg. 210, Rm. 106, 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Learn ways to effectively manage stress in your life. For more information call Linda Read, MPA, at 253-6962. Participants are welcome to bring their lunch.

English as a Second Language Class

The Family Programs Office will provide an English as a Second Language Class Thursday, 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m., in Bldg. 210, Rm. 106. This class is designed to help familymembers better adapt to their English-speaking environment. To register call 253-6962.

Volunteer Orientation Course

An Iwakuni Volunteer Corps Orientation will be held Wednesday in Bldg. 210, Rm. 106, 9-11 a.m. Those who are interested in participating should join this orientation. For more information call 253-6284.

Sponsorship Training

The Relocation Center is conducting a Sponsorship Training Class Wednesday, 9:30-11:30 a.m., in Bldg. 210, Rm. 227. Anyone interested in becoming a sponsor should call Brenda Caron at 253-3311.

Smooth Move Seminar

The next Smooth Move Seminar will be held May 28, 1-4:30 p.m., in Bldg. 210, Rm. 227. A great deal of pre-departure and destination information is provided. For more information and to register call 253-3311.

Family Day Orientation

The next Family Day Orientation will be held Thursday, 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at the chapel's multipurpose room. All newcomers are welcome. Free continental breakfast and on-site childcare will be provided. Call Brenda Caron at 253-3311 to register.

Career Resource Management Center Special Employment Workshop

This all-day workshop will be held Monday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. in Bldg. 210, Rm. 203, and provides detailed job search refresher training to spouses returning to the

states this summer. Advanced sign-up is required. For more information call 253-6439.

TAMP/TAP Seminar

The Transition Assistance Management Program is scheduled Tuesday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., in Bldg. 210, Rm. 226. This four-day informational brief combines DoD's mandatory pre-separation briefing (TAMP) and DoL's job search seminar (TAP) into one program. Servicemembers are required to attend no less than 90 days prior to separation, and spouses are encouraged to attend. For more information call 253-6439.

Basic Resume Class

This customized workshop focuses on identifying an individual's skills, training and experiences that translate to marketable job qualifications. Also discussed are various resume formats and how to determine which is best for you. For more information call 253-6439.

CRMC After-Hours Search Assistance

The Station Library in Bldg. 210 has two CRMC computers and a laser printer available exclusively for job seekers' use after normal working hours. These computers are each installed with the federal job application forms (SF-171, OF-612 and Federal Resume), the DORS electronic resume application, and MS Word for resume preparation. On-screen instructions and assistance are provided. For more information call 253-6439.

Education



Test Schedule

- Tuesdays - College Level Examination Program
- DANTES Subject Standardized Test
- May 26 - Defense Language Aptitude Battery
- Defense Language Proficiency Test
- May 28 - Armed Forces Classification Test

For more information call the Education Services Office at 253-3855.

Spouse Tuition Aid Program

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society is offering tuition assistance for Term VI at Troy State University to spouses of Navy and Marine Corps personnel. Amounts up to \$350 are available for graduate work. Applications are being accepted Monday to June 4. A separate application is required for each term. Stop by the Education Services Office or Navy Relief Office, both located in Bldg. 210 to pick up the packet. Call 253-5311 for an appointment.

University of Maryland

Academic Advisor

A University of Maryland academic advisor will visit the air station June 7-11. Call 253-3494 to schedule an appointment.

Registration for Term V

University of Maryland Term V registration will continue until May 28. New course offerings include the



Chapel's Weekly Services

Saturday

5 p.m. Catholic Mass (Annex multi-purpose room)

Sunday

- 8:15 a.m. Liturgical Worship Service (Chapel Annex)
- 9 a.m. Catholic Mass (M.C. Perry Elementary School gym)
- Church of Christ Sunday School (Chapel Annex)
- 9:30 a.m. Protestant Sunday School (Chapel Annex)
- 10 a.m. Church of Christ Lay Leader Service (Chapel Annex)
- 10:15 a.m. C.C.D. (Chapel Annex)
- Gospel Sunday School (Chapel Annex)
- 10:30 a.m. Protestant Divine Worship Service (M.C. Perry Elementary School gym)
- 12 p.m. Gospel Divine Worship Service (M.C. Perry Elementary School gym)
- 12:30 p.m. Church of Jesus Christ, Latter Day Saints Education (Bldg. 1117)
- 2:15 p.m. Church of Jesus Christ, Latter Day Saints Sacrament (Bldg. 1117)

Weekday Mass is celebrated at 11:45 a.m. Monday-Thursday in the Chapel Annex, Rm. 103;

Call 253-5218 for more information.

For information on Jewish Services call Mark Zeid at 082-231-4008 after 6 p.m. or call the station chapel.



Pacific Century, Environmental Science and two upper level business courses. Classes begin May 31. For more information call 253-3494.

High School Registration

High school registration runs through June 15, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Monday-Friday. Returning students must also re-register. Students who will PCS prior to June 18 must notify the school registrar at least 30 days prior to departure date. Only students who are PCSing can accelerate their classes and get final grades prior to departure. For more information call Mr. Ramos, school registrar, at 253-5448.

School Withdrawal

If you are PCSing this summer, please remember to notify the school two weeks in advance so that they can prepare records for you. For more information call M.C. Perry Elementary School at 253-3447.

Central Texas College

Registration for the Central Texas College Term V continues through May 28. Classes will run May 31 through July 23. For more information call 253-3484 or stop by Bldg. 210.

Troy State University

Troy State University will conduct its Term VI registration for a master of science in management degree program June 7-18. Term VI schedule includes MAN 665 and MAN 696. Courses will be offered evenings or weekends. For more information call 253-6051 or stop by Bldg. 210, Rm. 126.